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# H. R. 4506

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2000

Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Teaching Children To  
5       Save Lives Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

8               (1) Teaching school children the life-saving skill  
9       of CPR can improve their confidence in responding  
10      to an emergency and can encourage continued ef-

1        forts to update these skills after graduation, thereby  
2        potentially reducing the rate of death from cardiac  
3        arrest.

4            (2) Heart disease is the leading cause of death  
5        in the United States.

6            (3) 250,000 Americans die each year of sudden  
7        cardiac arrest.

8            (4) The American Heart Association estimates  
9        that the lives of 50,000 cardiac arrest victims could  
10       be saved each year through initiating a course of ac-  
11       tion known as the “chain of survival”.

12           (5) The “chain of survival” includes prompt no-  
13       tification of emergency services and early  
14       cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), defibrillation,  
15       and advanced cardiac life support.

16           (6) An important part of United States school  
17       children’s education is learning healthy behaviors,  
18       including proper nutrition and physical activity. This  
19       health education should also include basic emergency  
20       life-saving skills.

21           (7) Incorporating CPR training into the health  
22       curriculum of middle and secondary schools will give  
23       school children these skills.

1 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR CPR TRAINING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education shall  
3 make grants to State departments of education for the  
4 purpose of establishing cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
5 (CPR) training, using nationally recognized training  
6 courses, in targeted schools. Such grants shall—

7 (1) not exceed \$6,000 per targeted school;

8 (2) provide funding for two-year programs in  
9 targeted schools, with—

10 (A) a majority of the funding to be pro-  
11 vided in the first year to pay for start-up costs,  
12 including initial teacher training in CPR in-  
13 struction and purchase of printed informational  
14 or instructional materials, manikins, and other  
15 equipment; and

16 (B) the remainder of the funding to be  
17 provided in the second year to pay for upkeep,  
18 continued or additional teacher training, and  
19 other subsidiary costs; and

20 (3) encourage and foster new and existing com-  
21 munity partnerships with and among public and pri-  
22 vate organizations (such as local school districts,  
23 nonprofit organizations, public health organizations  
24 like the American Heart Association and the Amer-  
25 ican Red Cross, emergency medical service providers,  
26 fire and police departments, and parent-teacher as-

1       sociations) to aid in providing CPR training in tar-  
2       geted schools.

3       (b) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “targeted  
4 schools” means public schools which include students in  
5 any of grades 6 through 12.

6       (c) REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of  
7 Education may establish regulations to carry out this Act.

8 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9       There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
10 this Act—

11           (1) the sum of \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;  
12       and

13           (2) the sum of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

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